

Minutes
Board of Supervisors
Work Session
April 5, 2016

Members Present: Johnny Woodward, Chairman At-Large
D. Keith Guzy, Jr., District 1
David Wiatrowski, District 2
Mark Stroupe, District 3
Larry Foltz, District 4
Dorothy F. Pendley, District 5

Staff Present: Amity Moler, County Administrator
Regina Miller, Assistant to the County Administrator
Nathan Miller, County Attorney

Call to Order:

Chairman Johnny Woodward called to order the work session of the Page County Board of Supervisors on April 5, 2016, at 7:00 p.m. in the Board of Supervisors Room located in the Page County Government Center, 103 South Court Street, Luray. The Call to Order was followed by the *Pledge of Allegiance* and Invocation given by Supervisor Stroupe.

Quarterly Update for the Chamber of Commerce:

Gina Hilliard, President of the Luray-Page County Chamber of Commerce, reviewed the office staff, board members, and volunteers of the Chamber. She talked about the changes made to the newsletter and the guide to Page County. She said that the Chamber is asking businesses to bring in their brochures in order to get ready for the tourist season. The Chamber has received a grant from the VTC (Virginia Tourism Corporation) in the amount of \$25,000. She said the membership outreach is going really well, with 16 new members since January, which brings the total membership to 393. She showed the social media stats, the amount of calls the Chamber has received and the walk-ins broken down by tourist or locals. She explained the bulk mailing and the volunteer hours for the quarter. The website break down as well as the three main pages that are visited are lodging, cabins and events. She continued outlining the monthly events, ribbon cuttings and upcoming events.

EMS Revenue Recovery Discussion:

Jeff Hensley, Fire-EMS Coordinator, explained that when the EMS revenue recovery was put in place it was to help with the steady increase of the cost for providing emergency medical response in the County. The revenue generated was to be used to assist each of the volunteer rescue agencies and to help support the Page County EMS Department. The revenue recovery has not been adjusted since it began in 2009, however, in FY2014 the rates were changed to match those of the surrounding areas. As the cost for services increase and the need to fill the gaps in service become more frequent, the revenue recovery should be adjusted to help offset the expenses the

County is incurring. Mr. Hensley said, currently, the County responds to all emergency medical calls when a volunteer agency does not have the staffing. Due to our current location on South Court Street, it causes a delay in response to the southern end of the County. Mr. Hensley said there are two options for the central location of a building. One is to renovate the open space where the former Family Dollar store was located in Stanley and the second is to construct a butler style metal building across from the Page County Technical Center. A cost analysis will have to be completed in order to see which option would be most cost effective.

Supervisor Stroupe suggested getting all the departments together for a round table meeting to discuss the best avenue to fix the staffing issues and to discuss a central location for EMS. Supervisor Guzy asked to be provided with some hard numbers, on staffing and the purchase of a four wheel drive ambulance and what it will take to convert the space at the Stanley Plaza in Stanley for EMS use.

Spring/Fall Clean-Up Days:

Supervisor Guzy said he would like to see the County designate a Spring and Fall cleanup day. This would not apply to commercial trash and citizens would only be allowed one or two pick-up loads on those designated days. He felt that this would be a good opportunity to do something positive for the community.

Lynda Minke, Landfill Director, said in May of 2012 citizens were allowed to bring in bulky trash and were limited to 1,500 lbs. within a 30 day period. If they exceeded the limit, then they were billed for the entire tonnage. The Board, at that time, decided to have them pay for the bulky items because the landfill's software system cannot split loads; customers weigh in and weigh out and if over the 1500 lbs they were charged. In doing so, the landfill has brought in about \$200,000 in revenue annually. Mrs. Minke also reminded the Board that when the towns do their clean up days, they pay for it. Also, Saturday will probably be the day of choice for the clean-up days, but it is the busiest day of the week at the landfill. She suggested deciding on the date and to advertise and set guidelines as to what will be taken. She said that it would need to be set up in a different location so the normal trash loads could be taken and this would mean working extra staff on those days. Mrs. Minke presented a voucher that could be used for citizens to complete to present to the staff to help in making sure only household trash was brought in.

Motion: Supervisor Guzy moved to approve scheduling a spring clean-up day, with the date to be determined by the County Administrator, which will best suit the schedule of the landfill and staff. One pick-up truck load of waste will be accepted, free of charge on the date, not to exceed 1,500 lbs. Tires and paint cans will not be accepted. Waste will not be accepted after 1:00 p.m. The clean-up day will be advertised on the County website and in the local newspaper. It will later be evaluated if a fall clean-up day will be scheduled. Supervisor Foltz seconded and the motion failed by a vote of 3-3. Aye: Woodward, Guzy, Foltz. Nay: Wiatrowski, Stroupe, Pendley.

School Board Liaison Committee:

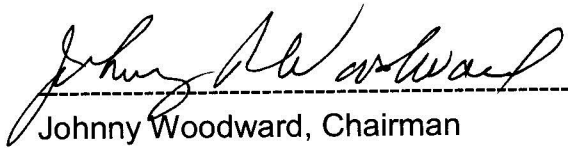
Chairman Woodward said it was recommended by Dr. Phenix, Chairman of the School Board, to for a liaison committee made up of two School Board members and two Supervisors to work together on school matters. Chairman Woodward added he liked the recent joint meeting with the School Board and would like both Boards to be able to work together; he would like to see another joint meeting in June.

Supervisor Foltz asked Donna Whitley Smith, School Superintendent, if she thought it was a good idea for both Boards to meet. Mrs. Whitley-Smith said yes and clarified that she thought that Dr. Phenix's suggestion was based on not having so much information given in one meeting and to disburse it as it becomes available. He would like to see a schedule and structure for communication between the Boards.

The Board was in consensus for both Boards to meet three times a year. Chairman Woodward said he would speak with Dr. Phenix and Mrs. Whitley-Smith will also reach out to the School Board as well. A schedule will be set at a later date.

Adjourn: 8:59 p.m.

With no further business, Chairman Woodward adjourned the meeting.


Johnny Woodward, Chairman


Amity Moler, County Administrator